IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

e NISHIKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1636

Application No.: 09/806,197

Examiner: Nancy S. Vogel

Filing Date: March 27, 2001

Attorney Docket No.: 7372/70911

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- A Petition for Extension of Time for reply within the _____ month is attached.
- No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended:

| | As Amended | | Previously Paid for | | Present Extra | | | Rate | | A | dditional Fee |
|--|---------------|---|------------------------|---|------------------|---|----|--------|-----|----|------------------|
| Independent Claims: | 2 | - | 3 | = | | X | \$ | 200.00 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Claims: | 41 | - | 45 | = | 0 | X | \$ | 50.00 | = | \$ | 1,250.00 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims: \$ 360.00 = | | | | | | | | | | \$ | 0.00 |
| Total Additional Fee: | | | | | | | | | ee: | \$ | 0.00 |

- to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 regarding Order No. 7372/70911.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment

Commissioner of Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, MS Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of the present document.